

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 9-13 and 16 as being anticipated by Chipman et al. (US 6,292,894).

The Examiner in response to applicant's previous arguments regarding that Chipman teaches a portal that relates to one industry, and does not relate to multiple industries, states that Chipman explicitly teaches a plurality of various industries. Col. 2, lines 2-20 which are cited by the Examiner specifically relate to the fact that real estate agents can access the MLS, but independent buyers and sellers cannot.

Claim 1 of the present invention relates to an integrated portal system which comprises an industry portal and a second portal of a different industry. The system integrates the portals so that a user can view information relating to both portals in a single system. The prior art does not anticipate or make obvious this claim or the claims depending upon it. As stated in the prior section of the patent application, there are portals on the Internet which relate to a single industry, such as paper, steel or chemicals. That is what is taught by Chipman and Science Applications International does exactly this on their Internet site. They list separate portals for each industry. When Chipman discusses portals, it relates to several portals in the same industry. As stated above the section cited by the Examiner relates to real estate agents, which is

not an industry, and definitely apply to several industries. A real estate agent provides a service.

The problem solved by the present invention is to allow a user, like the president of Coca Cola, to be able to view several industries related to his business, such as plastic and aluminum, within a single portal and be able to work within this portal to perform searches and review information. Chipman provides its information on each separate industry in different portals and would not allow the president of coca cola to view the required information within a single portal.

Chipman relates to a system for performing a networked catalog search retrieval and information correlation for a product. A consumer can access the information and create an end product in a shorter amount of time. A scanning engine scans the computers having accessible pages so as to locate all pages having predefined organizational structure including class, attribute and methods identifiers. The local computer storing the categorized information is defined as a portal. So as to enable each supplier to provide requisite information or its pages, a sector portal establishes common terms for suppliers and consumers to use. Multiple portals may exist for an industry. There is no discussion regarding integration of the portals for different industries.

The Examiner states that Chipman teaches a method and system for retrieving, organizing and utilizing networked data, comprising:

As per claim 1,

an industry related portal (column 4, lines 10-17);

the portal of Chipman establishes common terms (class, attribute, and method names) for the suppliers and consumers to use.

a second portal of a different industry (column 4, lines 10-17);

The portals discussed in this section relate to separate portals for the same industry. Chipman does not teach a second portal of a different industry.

said system integrating said portals so that a user can view information relating to both portals in a single system (column 2, lines 46-54; column 3, lines 51-65).

The invention relates to a computer-based information organizing, searching, retrieving, and exchanging platform from supplier's within a single industry.

None of the above describes the system integrating portals of two different industries. The above describes providing a portal to act as a primary interface in a single industry.

Therefore claim 1 is not anticipated nor obvious over Chipman.

As per claim 2, said method and system, wherein said user can order part or services (column 12, lines 40-41).

Chipman states that a user can use its system to calculate prices and delivery time, it does not let a user perform a transaction as required by claim 2.

For this reason and the reasons stated above for claim 1, claim 2 is not anticipated or obvious over Chipman.

As per claims 4-5 and 9, said method and system, further comprising a search engine (column 6, line 63 – column 7, lines 14).

Figure 2 shows a generic portal 201. This section again refers to the real estate industry, a single knowledge base may support the entire industry in a given locality as real estate agents would access a single knowledge base for retrieving residential and commercial listings. In other industries, each company may include its own updateable knowledge base allowing limited access to the public and greater access to employees. This refers to portals for a single industry.

Regarding claim 4, for the reasons stated above for claim 1, claim 4 is not anticipated or obvious over Chipman.

Regarding claim 5, for the reasons stated above for claim 1, claim 5 is not anticipated or obvious over Chipman. Further Chipman only teaches performing a transaction within a single industry and not related industries.

Regarding claim 9, for the reasons stated above for claim 1, claim 9 is not anticipated or obvious over Chipman.

As per claim 7, said method and system, further comprising product specification information (column 9, lines 56-63).

Regarding claim 7, for the reasons stated above for claim 1, claim 7 is not anticipated nor obvious over Chipman.

As per claim 10, said method and system, wherein the integrated portal system is created based on entering job characteristics of a user (column 7, lines 37-56).

This section relates to doing a search for brushless motors. This is not a job characteristic. A job characteristic is a person who is in charge of delivery and logistics for a company. In response the search request, the search engine would scan through a stored index of terms for "brushless" and "motor" and retrieve all matching results.

Claim 10 relates to a method for creating an integrated portal system comprising entering job characteristics of a user. The system creates the integrated portal system based on the job characteristics of the user. The section cited by the Examiner relates to doing a search to find a subclass of goods. The present invention creates an integrated portal system based on the job characteristics of the user. For example, as stated above with the president of coca cola, he requires viewing plastic, paper and aluminum portals based on his job characteristics. A person in delivery would view logistical portals. This is not taught by Chipman. Therefore, claim 10 is not anticipated or obvious over Chipman.

As per claim 11, said method and system, comprising an industrial database comprising a search engine; said database having product or service

specifications, product reports product and a system for answering questions from a user (column 5, lines 59-62; column 6, line 63 – column 7, lines 14; column 10, lines 26-34).

So portal 102 stores some information which may answer some initial questions for user 103 and point to suppliers 104 and 105 for additional information.

Regarding claim 11, Chipman does not teach an industrial database which answers questions from a user. The database further does not provide independent product reports. The Examiner cites to a section which states that the system provides information that may answer some initial questions from a user, not that the system answers questions from a user. Therefore, claim 11 is not anticipated nor obvious over Chipman.

As per claim 12-13, said method and system, comprising a list of vendors and vendor product information (column 9, lines 36-65).

For the reasons stated above for claim 11, claims 12 and 13 are not anticipated nor obvious over Chipman.

As per claim 16, said method and system, wherein said database provides a price analysis mechanism (column 12, lines 37-38).

For the reasons stated above for claim 11, claim 16 is not anticipated nor obvious over Chipman.

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 8, 14-15 and 17 as being obvious over Chipman et al.

As per claims 3, 8 and 17, Chipman et al. teach all the limitations of claims 3, 8 and 17, including a governing portal for each industry, and other portals in that industry, except specifically teaching that said portals include a mini portal and macro portal.

However, these differences are only found in the nonfunctional descriptive material and are not functionally involved in the steps recited. The functions performed by said system would be the same regardless of the definition of other portals. Thus, this descriptive material will not distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art in terms of patentability.

Claim 3 requires that the portals contain mini portals and micro portals that are defined in the specification. Mini portals are defined as vertical market portals. Micro portals are defined as specific niches within industries. Chipman does not teach or describe a breakdown of the portals whatsoever, so that each user seeing a portal sees all portions of the portal. Further, for the reasons stated above for claim 1, claim 3 is not obvious over Chipman.

Claim 8 requires that the search engine be able to search the mini and micro portals claimed in the present invention. For the reasons stated above, claim 8 is not obvious over Chipman.

Claim 17 relates to a content management system that is broken up into mini and microportals as described in the specification of the present invention.

Chipman does not teach or describe a breakdown of the portals whatsoever, so that each user seeing a portal sees all portions of the portal. Therefore, claim 17 is not obvious over Chipman.

As per claims 14 and 15, Chipman et al. teach all the limitations of claims 14 and 15, including a database including a template specifying the supplied products and processes (column 10, lines 25-30), except that said template is a characteristic or usage template.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Chipman et al. to include that said template is a characteristic or usage template, because it appears that the claimed features do not distinguish the invention over similar features in the prior art, and the teachings of Chipman et al. would perform the invention as claimed by the applicant with either specifically teaching a characteristic or usage template, or not.

Claim 14 requires that the database have a characteristic template. Chipman does not teach this feature or make it obvious. Further for the reasons stated above, claim 14 is not obvious over Chipman. Chipman does not teach this feature nor make it obvious.

Claim 15 requires that the database have a usage template. Chipman does not teach this feature nor make it obvious. Further for the reasons stated above, claim 15 is not obvious over Chipman.

The Examiner has rejected claim 6 as being obvious over Chipman et al. in view of Rangan (US 6,412,073).

As per claim 6, Chipman et al. teach said method and system, including ontology tracking component (column 11, lines 35-37).

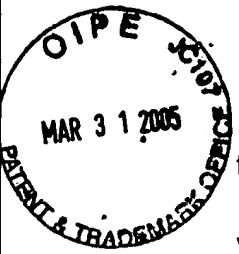
Local portal 607 includes at least two distinct systems: a crawler 609 (similar to crawler 205 described above in Fig. 2), and ontology tracking component 608.

Chipman et al. do not specifically teach that the ontology tracking component includes transaction-tracking component.

Rangan teaches a method and system for user-interactive portals accessible via the Internet, wherein a facility is provided for automatically tracking transactions made at various destinations (column 8, lines 20-21).

The invention recognizes the increasing use of the Internet for fiscal transactions, such as purchasing goods and services, a facility is provided in a user's profile to automatically track transactions made at various destinations, and to authorize payment either on a transaction-by-transaction basis, or after a session, using access to the user's bank accounts, all of which may be pre-programmed and authorized by the user.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Chipman et al. to include transaction-



tracking component, because it would enhance the capability of doing business via said portals.

Chipman describes portal for providing information from suppliers. It does not relate to transactions. Therefore it would not be obvious to combine this reference with Rangan. Therefore, claim 6 is not obvious over Chipman in view of Rangan.

Applicant now believes that the application is in condition for allowance.

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